

Dear FCC,

This is in regards to the petition RM-10782 filed by Mr. Pete A. Coppola, KG4QDY, and family, Tina Coppola, KG4YUM, and Pete A. Coppola, KG4QDY in which they are asking the FCC to eliminate Morse Code 5 word per minute Element 1 from the rules.

I disagree with this petition. No-Code Technician Class licensees should not be given the same privileges as Technician Plus Class licensees.

The Amateur Service community does not suffer from the loss to its ranks of a large number of potentially excellent operators because of the Morse code requirement as some people are claim it is.

The requirement for a No-code Technician licensee applicant as well as other radio amateurs to demonstrate a Morse code skill for HF access should remain as it is now, and should not be removed.

Countries that still require Morse code testing for amateur radio licensing or HF access, far exceed those countries that don't. In my opinion for the FCC to do away with the Morse code requirement would be a big mistake that would only hurt amateur radio's future and reputation of having certified, skilled, qualified, and competent operators.

People are saying that Morse code requirement should be done away with because it is an antiquated skill or obsolete, but Morse code is still widely used today not just in the United States but throughout the world.

Morse code is still being widely used in the amateur radio service, the commercial industry, by people who are physically disabled or handicap as a means of communicating. American NASA Astronauts to this day still use Morse code, the U.S. Navy still uses light Morse too.

The fact that lots of radio amateurs have taken and passed the Morse code examination requirement over the years for HF access, and even now, indicates Morse code testing is not a hindrance, limiting, or preventing licensed amateurs from upgrading or people from getting an amateur radio license. I say no to RM-10782.

Sincerely,

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